P. W. D. Work Establishment.

266. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the savings made by the Government in 1130 by the abolition of the P. W. D. Work Establishment; and

(b) whether the efficiency of the work of the Department has been affected by the abolition?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: (a) No savings, since the P. W. D. Work Establishment has not been abolished.

(b) does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

P. W. D. Workshops.

267. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is in contemplation to enlarge and extend the P. W. D. Workshops and its field of activities; and

(b) if so, what has been done as yet towards that object?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: (a) Yes.

(b) A new site for the location of the enlarged Workshops has been selected and steps for the acquisition of the lands are in progress. An estimate for the new Workshops building has also been sanctioned.

Subsidy under the road programme.

268. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any subsidy has been granted to Travancore under the Road Programme of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the amount of such subsidy;

(c) whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the condition of the Parassala-Panachimood road; and

(d) whether any scheme is in contemplation to widen and improve the road from the General Hospital to the Statue junction?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: (a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

Ryots Roads Rules.

269. *Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal to revise the "Ryots Roads Rules" dated the 23rd July 1923;

(b) whether those rules are now in force; and

(c) whether any ryots road has been constructed under its provisions?

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Mr. K. K. Kartha: (*a*) The Rules of 1922 have already been revised.

(*b*) The Rules as revised in 1945 are in force.

(*c*) Yes.

Village roads and ryots roads opened in 1120.

270. *Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the length in miles of village-roads and ryots roads opened in 1120?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: Village roads—2 miles 3,445 feet. Ryots roads—3⅞ miles.

Thadikakadavoo-Pallapatt road.

271. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any repairs have been carried out this year in the Thadikakadavoo-Pallapatt road in the Kunnathad taluk; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the unfit condition of this road for traffic?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: (*a*) Yes (1120).

(*b*) No.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know from the honourable member whether the Chief Engineer or any of the subordinates has visited this road?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: The Executive Engineer, Alwaye, would have visited the place.

Rain-fed tanks.

272. *Mr. T. M Chidambarathanu Pillai (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of (Mana Mari) rain-fed tanks with their names in Thovala and Agastiswaram taluks?

(*b*) the acreage of lands fed by each of such tanks?

(*c*) what is the annual maintenance sanctioned for each tank in 1118, 1119 and 1120; and

(*d*) what is the amount spent for each tank for 1118, 1119 and 1120?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: (**a**) 29 tanks in the Thovala taluk and 10 in the Agastiswarm taluk.

2nd part of (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*): A list furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Wells in rural parts.

273. *Mr. A. Gabriel Nadar (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of wells in the rural parts of Kalkulam, Vilavancode and Neyyattinkara taluks which have been sanctioned

* *Vide* Appendix *.

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